

VolunteerBloomington!

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "If you can, help others; if you cannot do that, at least do not harm them." Dalai Lama

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Arts Administrative Support

The USA International Harp Competition seeks volunteer assistance with general administrative work, assisting with large mailings, organizing, filing and data entry. USAIHC is preparing for the next competition, that will take place in July of 2013, and is also promoting their educational outreach program to schools and community organizations. The Competition would love local volunteers to assist with spreading the word about these programs by creating and distributing fliers and mailings. Minimum age is 18. Please contact Andrew Bratton at (812) 856-5715 or harpcomp@indiana.edu. (www.usaihc.org)

Meals on Wheels Drivers

Are you looking to help those in need while feeling a sense of immediate fulfilment? Bloomington Meals on Wheels needs drivers to deliver meals to homebound people who are recovering from an accident or illness, have a temporary or permanent disability or are unable to prepare food independently. Through this program, clients receive two nutritious meals a day (Monday through Friday) delivered by a friendly volunteer over the noon hour. Volunteers are asked to commit to delivering meals at least once a month for one year. Routes take about 60-75 minutes to complete. Minimum age is 21; 7 if with an adult. Please contact Carly Rickett at (812) 353-2248 or rickett.mow@gmail.com. (www.bloomingtonmealsonwheels.org)

Boutique Volunteers

My Sister's Closet of Monroe County needs you to help run their boutique, which offers workplace clothing to women who are looking for jobs. Volunteers are needed Monday through Saturday to sort clothes and to make

the women who are choosing clothing look and feel beautiful. Minimum age is 16; 13 if with an adult. Please contact Laura Robinson at (812) 327-3581 or robinslj@indiana.edu. (www.sisterscloset.org)

Dog Walkers in Brown County

Do you have a few extra hours a week? How about using them to help out some of Brown County's homeless dogs through the Brown County Humane Society? It's a great form of excerise, a fun activity to do with friends, and, most importantly, you are helping these dogs find their forever homes. When the dogs are exercised, they are more relaxed and ready for the attention of potential adoptors. Not only will you be part of a fabulous team of volunteers but the kisses and tail wags you receive will leave you smiling the rest of week! Minimum age is 15, but 8 if with an adult. Please contact Mary Jean Holwager at (812) 988-0893 or bchumanevolunteer@gmail.com. (www.bchumane.org)

Shopping Volunteer

Shopping volunteers for Mother Hubbard's Cupboard go to the Hoosier Hills Food Bank, shop for and weigh the groceries they choose for the pantry, and then take it all back to Mother Hubbard's. This position requires volunteers to have their own transportation and to be able to lift a minimum of 40 pounds. Minimum age is 16. Please contact Erin Marshall at (812) 355-6843 or erin@mhcfoodpantry.org. (www.mhcfoodpantry.org)

Community Wish List Spotlight

People & Animal Learning Services (PALS)

Dedicated to providing high-quality, safe, educational, fun and therapeutic animal-assisted activities to children and adults with physical, learning, cognitive or emotional disabilities. To grant a wish, contact Fern Bonchek at (812) 336-2798 ext. 2 or info@palstherapy.org. (www.palstherapy.org)

Wishes: Laptop computers, truck/trailer, printer paper, ASTM-SEI riding helmets, horse Cosequin, calm horses, leather halters, lead ropes, daily horse wormer, grass hay, grooming supplies, Rainbow reins

Use the <u>Community Wish List</u> to start a drive within your school, faith community or other group or take the list along shopping and add a few extra items to your cart. It WILL make a difference to those served by this organization.

The City of Bloomington Volunteer Network is your source for information about volunteering locally. For a complete listing, visit bloomington.in.gov/volunteer or call 349-3433. The inclusion of an organization in this list does not imply City endorsement or support of the organization's activities or policies.

